

REMARKS

Prior to addressing the substance of the office action, the Applicants wish to indicate their appreciation for the Examiners comments on the claims and the thorough examination of the pending application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112

In the office action dated January 18, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 4, 10, 11, 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In response to this rejection, the Applicants have amended the foregoing claims in order to correct the language objected to by the Examiner. In view of these amendments, the Applicants believe pending claims 4, 10, 11, 15 and 16 now satisfied requirements of §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, the Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection of the pending claims.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner rejected pending claims 19-23, 26, 30, 31, 33-34 and 36-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by published U.S. Application No. 2002/0104653 to Hosie et al. However, the Examiner indicated that claims 24-25, 27-29, 32, 35 and 38 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

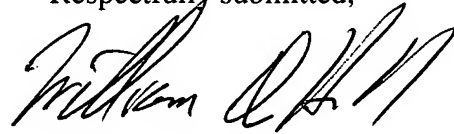
In view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claim 24, the Applicants have amended claim 19 by incorporation of the subject matter of claim 24 therein. Claim 24 has been cancelled and pending claim 25 has been amended to depend from claim 19. The Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 19 is now in allowable condition. Therefore the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of pending claims 19-23 and 25-29 over Hosie et. al.

The Applicants have also amended pending claim 30 by incorporation of the subject matter of pending matter 32. Therefore, in view of the Examiners indication of allowable subject matter in claim 32, pending claim 30 is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of pending claims 30-31 and 33-38 over Hosie et. al.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdrawal the rejection of the pending claims over Hosie et al. A formal notice of allowance of claims 1-23, 25-31, and 33-54 is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner care to discuss any aspect of the foregoing response in greater detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,



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